

Factory Men Are To Meet

In a General Session at Columbus, O., Wednesday of the Coming Week.

SUITS ARE BROUGHT

Against the Workers for Alleged Violations of Contract With Manufacturers.

The general situation in the window glass trade is practically unchanged, says the Commoner and Glassworker. Demand for glass has not improved materially and no further announcement of price changes has been made since last week.

Several additional factories have resumed operations since the last report appearing in these columns. The names of the additional companies signing the National scale are incorporated in the Faulkner circular. The Ideal Window Glass Co., of West Union, W. Va., with a capacity of 24 pots, should be added to this list, according to latest information received from the workers headquarters at Cleveland.

This makes a total of 516 pots claimed by the National Window Glass Workers and officials of that organization state that 35 per cent of the total number of pots turning out glass before the flat scale was promulgated, are now operating under its provisions, and the feeling sanguine regarding the outcome of present controversy over the question of wages.

Members of the manufacturers' wage committee went into session at the Fort Pitt hotel, Pittsburgh, late Thursday afternoon with J. G. Sayre acting as presiding officer. About 15 members were in attendance. The question of outlining a policy and plan of campaign was the principal topic up for discussion during the meeting and many different suggestions were made by those who took part in the debate.

After the meeting adjourned it was given out that a call would at once be issued for a general meeting to be held next Wednesday at the Chitenden hotel, Columbus, O., when, it is intimated, many matters of more than ordinary importance to the trade will be up for consideration. A heavy attendance is anticipated by the committee.

According to advices from Point Marion, Pa., Jules Quertinmont, of the Jeannette Glass Co., has entered suit against several employees for alleged violation of contract, resulting from the demand for the flat scale. All the defendants in the damage suits filed are said to be property owners. This is the first move made by the manufacturers in the direction of forcing the workers to carry out the provisions of the sliding scale.

RESISTS OFFICER

And Drunken Man on Train is Clubbed Into Submission.

John Vincent and Eldrich Hughes were arrested on the passenger train leaving the Clarksburg station for Weston about 11 o'clock Saturday forenoon by Lieutenant T. L. Powell of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad secret service department for being drunk and disorderly and were taken to the county jail and imprisoned to await a hearing before a magistrate. One of the men resisted arrest and the officer had to club him on the head with his mace to bring him to submission. The blow peeled the skin from the fellow's head and blood flowed freely from the wound which a doctor dressed at the jail.

SOCIETY MEETING

The Queen Esther Church Aid Society, colored, of the Trinity church, met with Mrs. John Burns, colored, Friday afternoon. After a good business session refreshments were served and a nice social time was spent. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Aron Wilson, colored, of Chestnut street.

Gay R. Sinsel, proprietor of the Gasaway hotel at Elkins, is in the city looking after business matters and shaking hands with friends of whom he has a legion here.

THAW TAKEN FROM PRISON

To Be Present at a Hearing to Determine His Mental Condition.

FISHERIE, LANDING, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Harry K. Thaw was taken from the Matteawan asylum today to Nyack to be present at a hearing before Justice Tompkins on the application of his mother for a jury trial to determine whether Harry is insane and whether he ought to be liberated. Mrs. Thaw obtained a writ of habeas corpus from Justice Tompkins a few days ago upon the allegation that her son is now sane and was not legally committed to the asylum.

Justice Tompkins decided that Thaw is entitled to a trial on the question of whether he has recovered his sanity. The justice reserved his decision as to where the trial should be held.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Is Mrs. Mary Stewart, An Aged Woman, at Home of John Smallwood.

Mrs. Mary Stewart, wife of Richard Stewart, an aged woman who made her home with John Smallwood on Chestnut street, was found dead in her bed there Saturday morning. She went to bed Friday night at her usual hour after bidding her nurse good night and was apparently in her usual health. Two little girls who slept in the same room went to her bed a short time afterward and asked her if she was asleep and she replied that she was not. They then went to bed as usual. In the morning when they got up they found Mrs. Stewart dead in her bed. Coroner W. P. Camp was called but he decided the woman died of natural causes due to old age and an inquest not necessary.

Mrs. Stewart was 85 years old. Her husband, who is an old Union soldier, is an inmate of the county infirmary, and he is the only surviving member of the immediate family.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services will be held at the home of Mr. Smallwood and the burial will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

MRS. HARRY IRWIN DEAD

Wife of Tin Plate Mill Foreman Succumbs in Hospital Following An Operation.

Mrs. Harry Irwin, of 435 East Pike street, died in a local hospital Friday night, following a surgical operation performed two days preceding.

Mrs. Irwin was the wife of a well known and popular foreman at the Phillips Sheet & Tin Plate mills in the East End. Her maiden name was Miss Hazel Blackburn and she was a member of an old and highly esteemed family of that name in Connelville, Pa. Surviving her, besides her husband, are two children, Harrison, aged seven years, and Margaret, aged five. Mrs. Irwin was 25 years old. She was an estimable and lovable woman and had many friends who are grieved over her death.

The body will be shipped to Connelville Monday morning, on the 6:15 train and the funeral and burial will take place there that day.

MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE

MEXICO, Jan. 9.—The entire west coast of Mexico was shaken by earthquake yesterday. The damage was trivial and no fatalities were reported.

INSTALLED

Are the Officers of Masonic Lodge at Shinnston and Social is Held.

SHINNSTON, Jan. 9.—At the stated communication of St. John's lodge No. 24, A. F. & A. M., last night the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Charles L. Watkins, worshipful master; Lee N. Satterfield, S. W.; Lawrence E. Hawkins, J. W.; Robert L. Finlayson, treasurer; Fred H. King, secretary; John C. Hunsaker, S. D.; Isaac McFarlin, J. D.; Dr. Jesse S. Maloy and James N. Knox, stewards; John W. Carder, chaplain; and Lloyd M. Jarvis, tyler. After the ceremony of installation the new officers invited the members present to remain a while and join

them at a lunch that was later served in the lodge room. An hour was very delightfully spent on this part of the program and those who were present went home feeling that the members who remained at home on lodge night are generally the losers.

Vassar is Sick.

A. E. Vassar is quite sick at his home on Main street. He is suffering from an abscess in his head.

Entertains Sewing Club.

Mrs. F. C. Richardson entertained the Thursday Evening Sewing Circle at her home on the West Side this week. Most of the members were present and a delightful evening was spent at sewing. Dainty refreshments were served. The circle will meet at Miss Blanche Hardesty's next week.

Pythian Sisters Install.

Rathbone Temple No. 23, Pythian Sisters, installed the following newly-elected officers for the ensuing term, last night: Most Excellent Chief, Blanche Martin; Past Chief, Ella Shinn; Excellent Junior, Bertha Sturder; Excellent Senior, Mabel Wilson; Manager, Eva Jones; Mistress of Records and Correspondence, Margaret Russell; Mistress of Finance, Sue Rice; Protector of Temple, Anna Long; Guard of Outer Temple, Lucy Tucker.

Frank Lowe has returned to Indiana, where he holds a position, after a short visit with relatives here.

Attorney Fred L. Shinn, of Clarksburg, was in town on business yesterday.

FEUD FIGHT

Is Engaged in the Street and Woman is Killed and Others Injured.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky., Jan. 9.—Miss Ethel Ranson, aged 25 years, was killed, and six other persons were injured, two fatally, as the result of a feud fight on the streets in this place today. The battle was between the Lantorn and Ranson families between whom there is a feeling. Pistols and stones were used in the fight.

FATAL AUTO RIDE

Young Broken Killed, Woman Hurt and Chauffeur Injured.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Edward Colt Gilman, a well known young real estate broker of Flushing, was killed, Miss Jeannette McKim, of Flushing, seriously injured, and Frank Brennan, a chauffeur, fatally injured, in an automobile accident near the village of Bay Side, L. I.

COLORED VOTERS

Hold a Meeting in Church and Form a Permanent Organization.

Colored voters met in the Water street Methodist Episcopal church last night and forced a permanent organization, known as the Colored Men's Progressive Association, of Clarksburg, W. Va., looking to the interests of the colored race in general. An executive committee, consisting of M. C. Smith, chairman, Burrell Dargatzfeld, J. E. Howard, C. W. Thomas, James W. Washington, M. W. Grayson, Charles Dargatzfeld and Frank Carndad, secretary, was elected and empowered to appoint a steering committee.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 9.—Wheat 106 7-8, corn 61 1-2, oats 51 3-4.

BELL GUILTY

Of Jury Bribing During An Alienation Suit for Damages Says Jury.

LAFORTE, Ind., Jan. 9.—The jury in the trial of William E. Bell, a well known horseman, charged with jury bribing, today brought in a verdict of guilty. The punishment is an indefinite sentence of from two to fourteen years in the state prison. The case originated during the trial of an alienation suit for damages.

Battle Is To Be Hot One

On the Liquor Question at the Coming Session of the Legislature.

LEADERS IN DOUBT

While Big Interests Are Resisting Cutting off a Source of State Revenue.

(By Charles Brooks Smith.)

CHARLESTON, Jan. 9.—They are here, the advanced guard of the mighty procession of legislators, place seekers, the ever-present and ubiquitous "prominent party leader" and the curious citizenship with time and the price of a ticket to gain admission to the big show in time to witness the impressive and dramatic grande entree—that mighty procession which is started capitalward made up with paraders from every nook and cranny of West Virginia.

The first to arrive are the candidates for honors which the process of organizing both houses will bestow, and those numerous others who are looking for a "fix," as the patron saint of influence is flippantly called, to which to tie that forty-five day visit in Charleston be made the easier by the state furnishing board and keep.

And is there welcome hearty, Horatio? Yes, verily, the heartiest of the hearty, my hearties. From Old Man Taylor, who keeps the big Ruffner inn on the Kanawha river front and Lloyd Smith, who pilots the destinies of the towering tavern of Kanawha, down to the picaninny that polishes your boots and brushes your coat, one is met with a smile that makes sun-shine look like a gloomy shadow, and wide-flung arms of welcome. There is an expectancy in their faces, hope in their hearts and itch in their palms. It is the biennial shearing season in Charleston—the wintry ripening of cherries to be plucked. From egg omelettes to cab rides the tariff has been revised, and its a pippen to a prune that the victim who gets back home with enough to car-fare, it home from the depot may count himself favorite of the fates.

The organization of the houses is now chief in interest; that of the senate transcending the branch in the opposite wing of the capitol. Forman, of Grant, is tipped to win, but the tip is founded more on an impression that the administration will back him with an organized effort rather than his past performances to be found in a form sheet. Up-to-date the administration has taken no hand in his behalf; without its help Forman can be beaten by a skillful coalition of the opposing forces. As it appears now, Forman will arrive on the scene with about as much strength, but no more, than Sutherland, Baker, White, Johnson and others. Sutherland's candidacy, I find, has grown in favor with administration men and they are by no means unanimous that the best thing to do is to toss the other worthy gentlemen into the ash heap in favor of the senator from Grant. They are letting the contest drift and waiting to see what the contestants have to offer in real goods when they all arrive and open up their samples. Then, the administration may get busy; then, again, if no enemy of it looms dangerous, it may let the bout go to a finish without interference. Governor Dawson is too busy with his message, and those who are looking to Charles Wesley Swisher to turn in and organize the senate as he did the last one, have their inquiries answered by only the smiles of the retiring Secretary of State. Interpreted, it reads: "I may, but what's the use, there's nothing at stake, you know. But I may, just to keep my hand in the game. I don't know, who does?" You are entitled to extract any and all conclusions out of this sphinx-like reading you choose.

In the house, I look for the real race to be between Strickling and Strother, with Waugh and Kingsley close up in the running. Both Waugh's and Kingsley's candidacies have gone forward in leaps the past week. Ex-Governor White's strong and open endorsement of Kingsley has helped him much, as well as the fine tribute paid him by ex-Speaker F. P. Monts. Of course John T. Harris will be elected clerk of the senate. Harris is the one bright particularly shining example of merit winning right along in West Virginia politics. Mont Topping will be re-elected clerk of the House, another tribute to merit, too, and a mixer who never gets off the job. Stanley Hodges, of Pendleton, and C. H. Henning, of Wheeling, are after Top-

MONEY DATA IS DEMANDED

By the House of Representatives Regarding Secret Service Work.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—That the House of Representatives does not intend to stop with its action of yesterday in rebuking President Roosevelt in connection with his strictures regarding the secret service was evidenced today when at the instance of Representative Tawney, and without a dissenting vote, it adopted a sweeping resolution of inquiry into the amount of money appropriated for the fiscal year for detecting frauds and efforts made, to bring to trial the offenders against the law. It is understood that there will be nothing further from the President on the matter of the secret service resolution adopted yesterday. The list of callers upon the President from the congress was much smaller than usual today.

What will be done in the way of temperance legislation, if anything, is the real question of genuine interest throughout the state. The Republican platform is pledged to two propositions, to-wit, the submission of the amendment to the state constitution, providing for state-wide prohibition, the same to be voted on at the general election in November, 1910, and the enactment of a county option law to take effect immediately upon its passage or very soon thereafter. It is these two propositions over which a split is coming—over which it has already come among the leaders of the dominant party. Many of them are crying over split milk, as it were, wishing that the platform builders had fainted or been paralyzed or something disabling like that had happened to them before they put such planks into the structure. The prohibitionists led by the Anti-Saloon League, are insisting on the dominant party keeping the faith, while the liquor men are pushing a model license law for all it is worth. In addition to these measures proposed there will be various other ones offered as good prescriptions to be taken for the liquor license business, among them a high license measure. The latter is recommended in the report of retiring Tax Commissioner White, who thinks that the state should get \$1000 per year from every saloon license as a minimum. He looks at the question from purely a revenue producing viewpoint, and does not consider the moral and sentimental phases.

It depends on the state senate what will be done. It will be asked to pass a prohibition amendment. There are thirty votes in the senate, and eleven members voting against the constitutional amendment resolution will defeat it. It is sincerely believed by those in close touch with the contest, that the amendment resolution will fail of a two-thirds vote, as it did last January. It will be close, but a study of the senate roster furnishes the basis for believing that there will certainly be eleven votes cast against the amendment. If that was the least of the anti-prohibitionist's troubles he could sleep and dream peacefully. But it isn't. County local option is about as

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ALLEGED VIOLATOR

Is Arrested in the Mountains by United States Deputy Marshal Hupp.

United States Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp has returned from the mountains beyond Pickens, whether he went in quest of violators of the national excise laws. He arrested and took to the Grafton jail J. A. Bond, charged with conducting a speakeasy without a government license. Bond will be given a hearing at Grafton tonight. The officer had a warrant for Mr. Bond also, but found her with a babe but six days old and did not bring her from her home.

WEIR COMPANY

Gets a Charter and Will Continue Development of Tin Plate Suburb.

The Weir Improvement Company of this city has been chartered with a capital stock of \$20,000. The company is formed for the purpose of owning, buying, leasing and selling real estate and erecting hotels, stores and houses. The company already has about 20 cottages near the tin plate mills and will continue the development of property there.

The officers of the company are E. T. Weir, president; J. C. Williams, vice-president and D. M. Weir, secretary and treasurer.

SIX ARE RESCUED

From Burning Hotel Which With Another Building is Destroyed.

HAMILTON, O., Jan. 9.—Three girls and three men were rescued with difficulty from a disastrous fire this morning which completely wrecked the Hamilton house and damaged the Miami Valley National bank building. The loss is \$80,000.

J. M. Hoover, of Webster Springs, is a city visitor.

Trials To Begin Monday

In the Circuit Court When the Criminal Docket is Taken Up.

SEVERAL DATES SET

Defaults of Bonds Are Noted and Capiases Are Directed to Issue at Once.

Trials of persons charged with the commission of crimes will begin Monday in circuit court, when the petit jurors will report for duty.

In addition to dates set for trials, which have already been announced, a number of trials have been set as follows:

Myrtle Jackson, misdemeanor, Jan. 13.
Joe Abruzzino, felony, Jan. 13.
Tony Abruzzino, felony, Jan. 13.
Jesse G. Harbert, felony, Jan. 14.
Andy Dillon and Philip Whitehair, felony, Jan. 14.
Harry Fulmer, misdemeanors, four cases, Jan. 14.
August Yodki, misdemeanor, Jan. 14.

William H. Harbert, misdemeanors, four cases, Jan. 15.
Matthew Blair, felony, Jan. 18.
Peter Gallo, felony, Jan. 19.

Capiases were directed to issue in the felony cases against Harvey Murphy, Victoria and Bertha Boggs.

Capiases in misdemeanor cases were ordered issued for F. Carl Laughlin, Hugh Carpenter, Sam Hikel, Wood Thorn, George Ferkel, Hazel Gains, James Nemo, Sel Greaver and Albert Critch.

Default of bond was noted in the felony case against W. Lewis Collins and a capias was issued. Default of bond was also noted in the misdemeanor case against Arch F. Miles and a capias issued.

MORE SIGN

Workers Flat Scale According to a Circular by President Faulkner.

President A. L. Faulkner, of the National Window Glass Workers, has sent a circular to members of that organization, in which he says: "In the circular sent out Dec. 28, I reported 12 plants with a total capacity of 402 pots, as having signed our scale, also that it was necessary to cancel the scale at the Knox County Glass Co., at Mt. Vernon. Since then the Knox County Glass Co. have again signed our scale, dropped all private agreements and are employing all old members. The Adamston plant at Clarksburg, W. Va., 36 pots, the Point Marion Window Glass Co., at Point Marion, Pa., 18 pots, and the Licking at Utica, 36 pots, have signed, making a total of 492 pots operating under our scale to date.

MINE MEN

Hold a School of Instruction Here and Discuss Mining Conditions.

The superintendents and the foremen of the mines of the Fairmont Coal and Clarksburg Fuel Companies held a regular meeting here last night, at which a course of instruction was given and the more important features of mining were discussed, such as ventilation, drainage, safety appliances and fire protection. The principal speaker was General Superintendent J. C. Gaskill, of Fairmont. The condition of the various mines was reported and instructions were given for improvements, where needed.

NEW RECTOR TO PREACH

Rev. John E. Ewell, rector of Christ church, will hold regular Sunday services at the church, corner of West Main and Sixth streets, tomorrow morning and evening at the usual hours.

Wyle Irwin is here from Wheeling.
B. C. Sanderson, of Elkins, is a city business visitor.

SENTENCED TO HANG

Are Six Night Riders for Murder and Two Get Life Terms.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Granett Johnson, T. Burton, Roy Ransom, Fred Pinco, Arthur Clor and Sam Applewhite, night riders, found guilty of the murder of Captain Ranken, were sentenced today to hang February 19. Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, two other defendants, were given life imprisonment.

Motions for new trials were overruled. Attorneys for the defense immediately gave notice of an appeal to the state supreme court.

DESK RIFLED

Senator Tillman Fails to Find Some Papers He Needs in His Reply.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—In the preparation of his speech in reply to the President's charges, Senator Tillman failed to find a number of papers bearing on the origin of the land case in connection with which the present controversy arises. These papers, he says, were left in his private desk in his committee room at the Capitol when he left Washington last March, but they cannot be found.

COSTLY BLAZE

Tannery, Mill and Store Destroyed by Fire at Pruntytown.

GRAFTON, Jan. 9.—Pruntytown, the seat of the West Virginia reform school, was visited by a disastrous fire early in the morning, when the mill and store of Keener & Son and the tannery of Alcorn & Anderson were almost completely destroyed, entailing a loss of \$17,000 with \$3,000 insurance. The tannery had been built long before the Civil war.

ASTONISHING

Is Remarkably Fine Work of Cast in Rehearsal of "The Geisha."

Those who have the pleasure of attending the rehearsals of "The Geisha," are astonished at the remarkably fine work done by the chorus in their beautiful songs and dances, especially noticeable in the "Lamentation" chorus and the finale of Act I, and the opening chorus of Act II. With boughs of cherry blossoms they make a beautiful scene. A chorus can make or break any musical production. Too much praise cannot be given the chorus in "The Geisha." Mr. MacDonald has surely done very good work with the chorus.

COUPLE BEING HEARD.

"At press time this afternoon Sanford Henderson and Della Rodabaugh, both of Ocean Mines, were being tried in Justice Gordon's court on the charge of having lived together as husband and wife unlawfully. There were several witnesses in the case.

TART AT BARBECUE

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 9.—President-elect William H. Taft is the guest of the Beech Island Farmers club at their club house on Beech Islands several miles from Augusta. He participated in a southern barbecue.

R. L. Towles was here Saturday from Salem.